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**2 held for fabricating evidence in '82 Katz slaying**  
 BILL HUTMAN

TWO suspects connected with five men serving life sentences for the brutal murder of Danny Katz over a decade ago were detained yesterday by police, on allegations they tried to fabricate evidence that would secure the men's release.

The arrests followed over a month of intensive investigation by police into the new "evidence" presented by the suspects, which at first glance appeared to necessitate the reopening of the entire Danny Katz case, which shook the nation in the mid-1980s.

Police even obtained a court order forbidding the publication of details of the investigation, an order that was lifted by the Petah (Continued on Page 2)



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (left) talks with a Palestinian merchant yesterday during a visit to Hebron. Story, Page 2. (Defense Ministry)

## Netanyahu: Netzarim is touchstone for Hebron

BATSHEVA TSUR and HERB KEINON

THE way Palestinians and Israelis resolve tension over Netzarim is "a touchstone" for successfully winding up the Hebron negotiations, which have remained static for a month, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said yesterday.

Netanyahu said he had sent a message to this effect to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat on Sunday night. Over the past two days the IDF has moved tanks to Kibbutz Nahal Oz and armored personnel carriers to Netzarim junction to ensure it remains open.

"I viewed with gravity the attempt to create tension in Netzarim," Netanyahu said as he answered questions at a joint press conference with Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma.

"Both sides have to choose between cooperation and increasing trust, or deterioration and reducing trust. This is the touchstone for completing the negotiations [over Hebron] and I hope that [the former] is what the other side wants," said Netanyahu.

"If anyone on the Palestinian side thinks that a policy of provocations to create friction bordering on violence will be diplomatically fruitful, they are mistaken," he added.

Netanyahu said Israel would respond flexibly to such a policy, but instead offers the Palestinians

a policy of dialogue. "I think the Palestinians understood the message that they will not get anywhere by using force," OC Southern Command Shlomo Yamai said yesterday at a press briefing. "We brought force to the junction, and if we need to we will bring additional force and all measures needed, including tanks."

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The Netzarim junction, blocked by Palestinians on Sunday, was open to traffic yesterday. Yamai said the roadblock was orchestrated by Arafat.

Shlomo Kostiner, the Netzarim spokesman, said that in discussions between IDF representatives and Palestinians on Sunday, it was made clear the IDF would use any measure to ensure the junction remains open.

Sunday night the IDF, in retaliation, closed the road in front of Kfar Darom to Palestinian traffic. The Palestinians reopened the Netzarim junction shortly afterward.

"We have solutions on a number of different levels, not only the use of force," Yamai said. "We prefer dialogue and not force. Our ability to close the [Gaza] Strip is large and varied, and they got the message."

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## Three Israelis identified among crash victims

BATSHEVA TSUR and news agencies

THREE Israelis missing in Saturday's crash of hijacked Ethiopian Airlines Flight 961 in the Comoro Islands were yesterday identified by members of the Israeli task force that flew to the scene.

Two of the victims are Israel Aviation Industries employees Shraga Bar-Nissan, 50, of Carmel Yosef, director of IAI's Lahav subsidiary, and Aiman Ben-David of Netanya, who headed the company's marketing division for Africa. (Story, Page 2) They had held talks with the Ethiopian authorities about upgrading the (Continued on Page 5)

## High Court upholds law barring import of non-kosher meat

EVELYN GORDON

BOTH the "override" clause in the Basic Law: Freedom of Occupation and the law banning imports of non-kosher meat are constitutional, nine High Court justices ruled unanimously yesterday.

The court was ruling on a petition by Meatreal Ltd. and two other non-kosher meat importers against a 1994 law banning such imports. While the petition did not attack the override clause per se, the court's acceptance of the petition would have rendered the clause impotent.

The override clause permits 61 MKs to pass laws violating the principles of the Freedom of Occupation Law, even if they do not serve "an appropriate purpose according with Israel's values as a Jewish and democratic state." It was added primarily to enable passage of the meat law.

Meatreal's petition argued that even with the override clause, however, the Knesset could not pass laws which violate the most fundamental principles of the Basic Law, as set out in its introductory paragraph. Furthermore, the petition said, the meat law violated several principles enshrined in the Basic Law: Human Dignity and Freedom: Equality, religious freedom, and property rights. Since there is no override clause in this Basic Law, these violations make the meat law unconstitutional, the petition argued.

Court President Aharon Barak, who wrote the opinion, dismissed Meatreal's first argument on the grounds that even if there were principles so fundamental that they could not be violated by the override clause, the meat law certainly did not affect any of them. The infringement on the petitioners' freedom of occupation is very limited, since they can still import kosher meat freely, he said.

Regarding the alleged infringement of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law, Barak began by assuming, for the sake of argument, that (Continued on Page 2)

## Labor leaders meet in bid to defuse tensions

MICHAL YUDELMAN

LABOR leaders are trying to reach an agreement between the rival camps in the party before Thursday's central committee meeting, to avoid a confrontation over the schedule of the party's convention and leadership showdown.

Meanwhile, the rival Labor camps continued exchanging barbs and accusations.

Labor leader Shimon Peres yesterday met candidates MK Ehud Barak - considered the favorite - and MK Haim Ramon separately, to discuss the possibility of reaching a compromise over the issue.

Barak met with MK Ephraim Sneh, himself a candidate for the leadership, on Sunday night and had several talks with MK Uzi Baram, a potential candidate, in an attempt to reach a compromise agreement.

Ramon yesterday urged Peres to present a clear position to the central committee members and tell (Continued on Page 9)



Labor MK Ehud Barak (Data Service/Israel Sun)

them what he wants, adding to close friends that unless Peres does so, "he should go home." Ramon said Peres agrees to the compromise that he and MKs Beilin, Sneh, Baram and others were proposing to have the convention next April and the leadership showdown in June.

## IDF soldiers to brush up on dental care

ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THE drill sergeant's instructions are loud and clear:

"Tooth brush in your right hand

unzip!"

"Tooth brush in you mouth iii-um!"

"Up down, left right!"

"Up down, left right!"

Well, maybe not. But the army has taken it upon itself to teach its soldiers something it seems some of their parents never told them: it's healthy to brush your teeth, and don't forget to floss, too. Starting next year, special "dental hygiene squads" will assault decay in the mouths of IDF troops.

Deploying in basic training camps and some courses, the squads will gather recruits into small groups and actually teach them how to brush and floss and use a toothpick and not eat so many sweets. And for the stub-

born, glossy photos of rotten teeth and bleeding gums may help get the message across to the captive audience that bad teeth is nothing to smile about.

"Dental hygiene is best taught during childhood. But the situation today is that the Ministry of Health has not done enough to ensure this so we in the IDF are bringing the message," said Lt. Col. Dr. Yitzhak Zilburg, head of dental health in the IDF. "The goal is to increase the awareness of dental hygiene among troops."

Tooth brush training will not be limited to recruits and the tooth brush squads will seek out and instruct those in the permanent forces too, the army said. It will also make sure mess halls have a healthy supply of toothpicks avail-

able and the local PX is equipped with all the necessary teeth care equipment like floss, paste and spare brushes.

"I don't know if the IDF has to be the national caretaker, but this

information war, this attack is in essence part of our preventive medicine doctrine. If in the years that they are in the army we are able to teach soldiers good dental hygiene awareness then we will have made a contribution to society," said Zilburg.

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# Missing passengers' families face the darkest news of all

THE families of the missing IAI employees and others from the skyjacked Ethiopian airlines plane had given up hope yesterday, and began to realize that their loved ones were most probably dead.

By yesterday evening three bodies had been identified by the special team sent to the Comoro Islands.

Shraga Ben-Nissan, of Karmei Yosef, was the managing director of the IAI's Lahav factory, which manufactures military aviation equipment. He and Amram Ben-David, of Netanya, manager of the company's Africa division were positively identified, and their families notified. The two, together with two other IAI employees, were in Africa on official business.

Moshe Keret, CEO of IAI, said yesterday that both Bar-Nissan and Ben-David were among the best in the industry had known.

"Shraga was one of the most talented people I have met and was due for promotion," said Keret. "He brought Lahav to great achievements and had wonderful contacts in Europe, Africa and South America. He was energetic, had integrity and the ability to meet both the company's and clients' commitments." Bar-Nissan is survived by his wife Nehama and three children.

Ben-David, said Keret, built a network of contacts in Africa "with his own hands," where he was involved with manufacturing and development. He was also considered an outstanding employee. He began working for IAI in 1978, as an engineer, and was appointed to his current position last April. His colleagues described him as "professional, pleasant and polite."

The two additional IAI employees, 53-year old Gad Levy, in charge of special projects, and electronics engineer Yehuda Soroka, are also presumed dead.

The body of 30-year old student Ya'acov Brown, of Tel Aviv, was also identified yesterday. Prior to the tragic event, his sister Orit said that the family had feared the worst. "When he was in the IDF," she said, "he was involved in dangerous missions. But now our fears and intuitions are worse."

Brown was on a three-month tour of Africa, where he had met Lior Fochs, who survived the crash. He had led an elite police unit, and was about to start work with a security related institution here. He is survived by his parents and two sisters.

Others feared dead are ECI employee Yehzekel Raz, 40, of Tel Aviv. ECI specializes in telecommunications, including hi-tech equipment used by governments, military and security bodies, and operates here, in China, South America and Africa.

Father of two Eli Lebkovitz, 40, of Herzliya was also still missing, presumed dead last night. Lebkovitz was the regional marketing manager of a subsidiary of Clal, which specializes in the manufacture and development of optic-laser equipment, used in aviation and weaponry.

## Netanyahu blames PA for Hebron stalemate as talks resume

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday again placed the blame for the Hebron stalemate squarely on the Palestinians. "The world does not buy the story that Israel is holding up the talks," he told a press conference in Jerusalem. "The Palestinians have to make a decision in favor of cooperation and certainly not in favor of friction... and when they do, I see no obstacle" to completing an agreement.

Netanyahu proposed to Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat several days ago that they hold a summit meeting to end the deadlock over the Hebron deal, Channel 1 reported last night. The report said Arafat had not yet responded.

Talks on IDF redeployment in Hebron resumed last night for the first time this week.

In a letter to chief Israeli negotiator Dan Shomron, reported by AP, Palestinian counterpart Saeb Erekat said the expansion of Israeli settlements would lead Israel and the

Palestinians back into confrontation. Erekat said the decision by the Israeli government to build new homes in West Bank settlements "is not only a violation of the signed agreements, but also buries the hoped-for expectations of peace."

Meanwhile, Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai ventured out of his armored car and took a walk down the contested Street of the Martyrs in Hebron yesterday, shaking hands and speaking fluent Arabic with Palestinians, meeting with Jewish settlers, and talking with IDF troops.

It was Mordechai's fifth visit to the town in less than two months and comes as both he and Netanyahu have accused Arafat with delaying the agreement on redeployment.

Accompanied by Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and other senior officers and flanked by no fewer than nine bodyguards, Mordechai strolled down Shuhada Road. Hebron Brigade commander Col. Gadfi pointed out to Mordechai the boundaries between Palestinian-controlled H-1 and H-2, which will be under IDF supervision.

Pausing at the Avraham Avinu neighborhood, Mordechai spoke with Jewish settlers and then moved on to the market. He shook hands with Arab merchants, who urged him to agree to Palestinian demands to reopen Shuhada Road, where some of them had shops.

Mordechai shook their hands, mostly listened and said little.

Israel closed the road following the February 1994 massacre of 29 Moslem worshipers by Baruch Goldstein in the Cave of the Patriarchs and the Palestinians are demanding it be reopened. Jewish settlers say to do so would harm their security and Israeli officials have accused the Palestinians of manipulating it as a pressure tactic.

"It is difficult for me to understand why the chairman of the Palestinian Authority does not accept the correct decision in order to come to a signature of the agreement and progress in the process," Mordechai told reporters.

But he added he is certain an agreement is imminent and that the redeployment would take place "in a very short time."

Mordechai instructed IDF commanders in Hebron to prepare for the redeployment with reinforced troops, but ordered them not to carry out any unilateral actions until the agreement is signed, defense ministry officials said.

## Palestinian bought camera to catch border policemen

PALESTINIAN businessman AZZAM Maraka, a Jerusalem money changer, was by chance staying at his sister's home just north of the city about six weeks ago, when he heard a suspicious noise outside, and looked from the apartment window to see two border policemen crouched in ambush position.

What Maraka then saw, and filmed — the border policemen beating Palestinian workers — grabbed domestic and international attention. For Maraka, a 41-year-old father of six, it was a dream come true.

"I have been beaten by border policemen, as have my brothers, and many people I know," Maraka said yesterday, sitting in his office on Sultan Suleiman Street, near the Old City.

"About three months ago, when I was in Holland on business, I bought a small video camera, so I could take pictures of what the border policemen do to us. I wanted to show the Jews, the Israeli street, how we are being treated," Maraka said.

The 35-minute video footage taken by Maraka is the major piece of evidence being used by the state in the prosecution of border policemen Tzahi Shmaya and David Ben-Abu. The footage was shown for the first time last week on Channel 1.

"I live with my family in [the eastern Jerusalem neighborhood] of Ras Al-Amud, but by chance was staying over at my sister's apartment in A-Ram," said Maraka, recalling the incident.

"I woke up at 5:20 in the morning, to go to the mosque and pray. When I returned to the apartment, I heard noise outside, and looked outside and saw two border policemen crouched along the side of a nearby building," Maraka said.

"I waited five or six minutes, and then they arrested the first two, or maybe three [Palestinian workers, who were trying to enter Israel without permits]. In all they detained six," said Maraka, whose sister's third floor apartment is near the A-Ram checkpoint into Jerusalem.

"Right away, the border policemen started hitting them. They called them, 'maniacs,' 'sons of a bitches,' and threatened them."

Maraka rejected the argument of the border policemen's lawyers that the Palestinian workers provoked the abuse.

Maraka said he turned on his camera just minutes after the incident began, and kept it on, changing cassettes once, until the border policemen took the six Palestinian workers away.

The entire time, he stood by the window, filming the scene below. "I wasn't scared. I knew that they couldn't see me, said Maraka, who described himself as a successful Palestinian businessman. In addition to the money changing shop in Jerusalem, he said he has seven souvenir and jewelry stores in Bethlehem.

Maraka said he didn't go directly to the media, having second thoughts about whether it would interest anyone.

Last week, however, Maraka showed the video to Palestinian photographer Mahfouz Abu

Tourk, who advised him to go directly to Israel Television with it.

Maraka described the overall reaction from Israelis as positive. The Palestinian reaction, he said, was more reserved. "I think people were hurt that I took it first to Israel Television. But they have to understand that my point was to show the Israelis how we are being treated," Maraka said.

Maraka said that since the incident, he never lets his video camera leave his side.

In a boast of toughness, graduates of a Border Police training course ordered custom-made "Class of '96" T-shirts showing a Palestinian and a haredi man bound to a tree; a spokesman for the force confirmed yesterday.

The tree symbolizes a Border Police unit known as "Erez," Hebrew for cedar. The recruits involved in having the T-shirts printed will be disciplined, said Border Police spokesman Yehoshua Bauer.

Border Police commander, Yisrael Sadan, considered the shirts "childish" but did not think they insulted Palestinians and haredim, Bauer said. (AP)

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**NEWS IN BRIEF**

**Court orders show-cause in Federman case**

The High Court of Justice gave the state seven days yesterday to justify the administrative detention of former Kach spokesman Noam Federman. In a rare move, the justices issued the show-cause order without even examining the classified evidence against Federman, saying the case raised many questions irrespective of the weight of this evidence. The order requires the state to justify why Federman is being detained and why an alternative to arrest is not possible. Federman's attorney said the army fears he will instigate protest activity against the withdrawal from Hebron, which in turn could lead to bloodshed.

Evelyn Gordon

**Mordechai denies making political appointments**

Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai flatly denied yesterday he made any political appointment of Likud members into key military industry jobs, his spokesman said. Mordechai was reacting to a report on Channel 1 TV which said he appointed four Likud Party activists as directors in the military industries. The four were party branch heads, the TV said. Quoting from a Likud Party document announcing their appointment, chairman of the forum of branch heads praised the four and said they had the minister's blessing. It also urged the appointees to push their Likud Party beliefs to their new positions, the TV said. A statement from Mordechai's office said the defense minister made no appointments to the management of defense industries.

Arieh O'Sullivan

**SLA soldier lightly wounded in security zone**

A South Lebanese Army soldier was lightly wounded during heavy exchanges in the security zone yesterday as fighting in the region continued unabated. The incident happened when gunmen opened fire with a barrage of mortars at the SLA's Alman position in the Shomriya region in the zone's central sector. According to reports from Lebanon several rounds hit the fortified outpost, wounding the soldier. Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the attack which prompted heavy return fire, lasting several hours.

David Rudge

**Kaddoumi: Suicide attacks on Israel justified**

A senior aide to Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was quoted yesterday as saying suicide bomb attacks by Islamic militants were justified because of Israel's behavior. Farouk Kaddoumi, head of the Palestine Liberation Organization's political department, said in an interview published in the London-based *Al-Wasat* magazine that the Israeli government's policy of building more settlements in the West Bank is pushing Palestinians toward resistance.

AP

**KOSHER**

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Meat was correct in all its assumptions: The meat law does violate equality, freedom of conscience, and property rights; all three of these are protected by the Human Dignity and Freedom Law; and the law does not serve an "appropriate purpose."

However, he continued, if even a minor violation of the Human Dignity and Freedom Law were enough to make the meat law unconstitutional, the override clause would become meaningless. This would violate the basic principles of constitutional interpretation, which require that every part of the Basic Law serve some function.

Therefore, Barak said, a law passed thanks to the override clause should be considered constitutional as long as it meets three conditions: Any infringement on other basic human rights must be a natural consequence of the infringement on freedom of occupation, the main damage must be to freedom of occupation, while the infringement of other rights is secondary; and the infringement of these other rights must be minor in and of itself.

All of these conditions hold true for the meat law, Barak concluded. For instance, since locally produced non-kosher meat is available, no one can say they are being coerced into eating kosher meat against their conscience.

Chiefs Rabbis Yisrael Lau and Eliahu Bakshi-Doron praised the decision.

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Tikva Magistrate's Court yesterday evening after the arrests were made.

Police sources identified the suspects as a relative of one of the five men convicted of the murder and a lawyer also connected with the case. The two will likely be remanded tomorrow.

The investigation quickly revealed that the new evidence — which centered on the confession of another prisoner who said he and three other men, not those convicted, murdered Katz — was problematic at best, the sources said.

Investigators with the Police Serious Crimes Division did not want to take chances and thoroughly checked out the confession, finally determining that it was unfounded, the sources said.

However, in a statement released last night, the police spokesman said the investigation continues, leaving open the possibility of additional developments.

Katz, a young Haifa boy, was raped and murdered in 1982. His body was found in December of that year in a wadi near the Galilee village of Sakhnin. Five area Arab residents were later arrested and convicted, although to this day they protest their innocence.

Adel Abu Hussein, the prisoner who recently confessed to the

**KATZ**

murder, and even signed a statement to that effect, is believed to have been either paid off or threatened, according to police sources.

Abu Hussein first contacted a retired police officer, Ezra Goldberg, involved in the original murder investigation, Israel Television reported last night. "He said it bothered his conscience that people were serving time for the Danny Katz murder who didn't do it," Goldberg said.

"He told me that he and several others had done it," Goldberg said, recalling the events that led to the investigation being reopened last month. The investigation, which eventually showed the confession to be unfounded, was headed by Dep.-Cmdr. Zion Sasson.

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# '94 survey reveals 37% of Jewish Israeli youth hate Arabs

ISRAELI Jewish youth are largely conservative, have a strong national identity, still want to serve in the army, hate Arabs, and want to see a stronger political regime, according to a 1994 survey commissioned by the Education Ministry published yesterday.

The survey also found marked differences in attitudes between secular and religious youth, but not between Sephardi and Ashkenazi youth, or rural and urban youngsters.

According to the survey, published in the latest edition of *Meimad*, 37 percent of the Jewish respondents said they hate Arabs, while two-thirds said "There is no need to give Arabs in Israel full, equal rights." Less than a third said they would be willing to host an Arab in their home. Twelve percent said they had an Arab friend.

The survey also found nearly 40 percent of the respondents expressed a preference for a "government of strong leaders, that will not be dependent on parties or coalitions."

The survey was conducted in 1994 by the Carmel Institute for

**HERB KEINON**

Social Research, and included interviews with 2,742 Jews, 743 Arabs, and Beduin, and 207 Druse.

Reuven Gal, formerly the IDF's chief psychologist and who carried out the survey along with Ya'acov Ezrahi, wrote: "The religious youth showed more scepticism, compared with secular youth, regarding the peace process and its results, and expressed more hate and more reservations toward Arabs. The secular youth gave more importance to values like materialism and enjoyment, while religious students gave more importance to values like contribution and assistance."

Gal said the religious students expressed a stronger Jewish and Israeli identity, and were also more sure that they would remain here than their secular counterparts. They also showed more of a preference for a stronger political regime, and were more motivated to serve in the army and in combat units.

Gal said that the results of the survey show that "Israel's youth are conservative, and bound to tra-

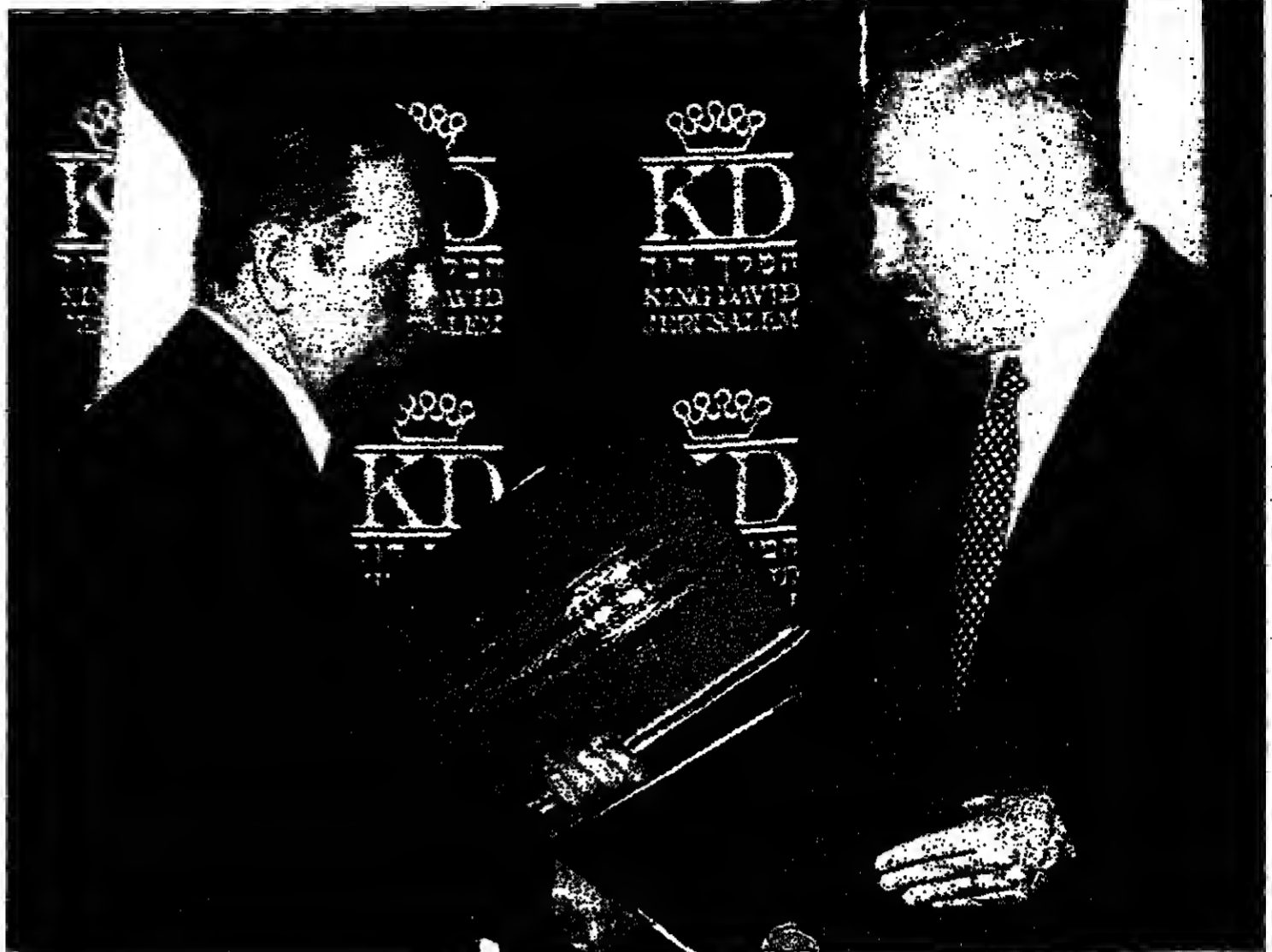
ditional values like family, education and profession."

The respondents were most interested in "an interesting job," "establishing a family," "success in studies" and "a steady job." Values such as "helping others," "contributing to the country," and "taking part in public activity" were toward the bottom of the list.

Secular students ranked "success with the opposite sex" as number three on the list, while religious students placed that at number eight.

Regarding motivation to serve in the IDF, the survey found that 52% of the Jewish students clearly stated that they want to serve in a combat unit, compared to 63% in 1988. At the same time, 86% of those on the verge of mobilization said they "want," or "want very much" to join the IDF, compared to 84% in 1988.

The most motivated soldiers, according to the survey, come from the religious kibbutzim, where 89% expressed a strong desire to join a combat unit, followed by 85% from settlements in the territories, and 68% in yeshiva high schools.



Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu (right) and Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma shake hands as they swap signed agreements in Jerusalem yesterday.

# Israel, Ukraine move to strengthen ties

ISRAEL and Ukraine yesterday signed a joint declaration of intent for the strengthening of ties and cooperation between the two countries.

The document was signed by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu and visiting Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma at a ceremony in Jerusalem.

The leaders also initialed a series of agreements for cooperation in the fields of environmental conservation, agriculture and maritime affairs and for joint cooperation with regard to oil supplies.

Despite the events in the past history of Ukraine, Israel has decided to establish ties with that country on a "new basis of true friendship," Netanyahu declared at the ceremony which came after talks that ran for over the allotted time. He said that the two countries had "many common interests" and that they would also encourage mutual business ventures.

Netanyahu said he had accepted an invitation to visit Kiev and would go there soon with a commercial delegation.

**BATSHEVA TSUR and LIAT COLLINS**

"The advancement of ties with Israel is at the top of Ukraine's priorities as far as foreign affairs are concerned," Kuchma said. He added that the "possibilities are tremendous" and called on oil from Ukraine to lend their expertise to their country of birth.

Asked about reports that Ukraine would supply Iran with arms in return for oil, Kuchma said that there were no planned security projects with that country. Netanyahu added that Israel had not offered alternatives as a quid pro quo for the Ukrainians agreeing to drop such a deal. Observers said in Jerusalem yesterday that the Ukrainians were looking as much towards Washington as towards Jerusalem in their decision not to go ahead with an exchange with Iran.

Kuchma was met with an honor guard and trumpet fanfare at the Knesset. The theme of his address to the Knesset plenum was the con-

trast between the Jewish contribution to Ukrainian history and the mass killings there during World War II. Kuchma compared the independence won by Israel with that of Ukrainian independence in 1991 after hundreds of years of yearning.

Kuchma presented Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon with Jewish recordings from Ukraine, including one by Shalom Aleichem.

He said state-sponsored antisemitism had been eradicated and noted that the followers of Rabbi Nahman of Bratslav were allowed to visit his grave.

He stressed that his citizens are free to emigrate, but mourned the departure of Jewish scientists. He said Ukraine is committed to creating conditions in which the Jews could live there happily.

Netanyahu said he admired the Ukrainian economic reform and said the budget cuts there were similar to those he was trying to pass. Netanyahu jokingly invited Kuchma back next month for the budget discussions.

# Supreme Court: Ruti Nahmani must wait until after appeal

THE Supreme Court issued a temporary injunction yesterday to prevent Ruti Nahmani from implanting her eggs in a surrogate mother until the court hears her husband Danny's appeal against the move.

The court will hear the appeal sometime next month.

Earlier this year, in a precedent-setting 7-4 decision, the Supreme Court ruled that Ruti had the right to use the eggs fertilized by Danny, even though the couple has since become estranged and Danny no longer wants to have a child by Ruti. Ruti is unable to have children naturally. Following the decision, Ruti began looking for a surrogate mother in Israel.

However, Danny then sued in the Haifa District Court to prevent

**EVELYN GORDON**

her from using an Israeli surrogate. Under a new law passed earlier this year, surrogacy is permissible only with the consent of both parents, including mutual agreement as to the choice of a surrogate. Danny argued that since he did not agree, Ruti could not use an Israeli surrogate.

Last week, the Haifa District Court rejected Danny's suit, saying the law did not apply to Ruti's case. Danny agreed to the surrogacy at the time the eggs were fertilized, and the Supreme Court ruled that he cannot withdraw his consent, the court said. Therefore, requiring his consent now would empty the Supreme Court ruling of any meaning.

Furthermore, the lower court

said, the new law is irrelevant to this case, because fertilization has already occurred. Under the law, fertilization can take place only after the surrogacy contract has been signed.

Danny appealed this ruling to the Supreme Court earlier this week, arguing that it is inconceivable for Ruti to act in a legal vacuum. Either she must abide by the new law, in which case Danny's consent is required, or she must abide by the rules in force before this law was passed. Under the previous rules, surrogacy was not allowed in Israel at all. Someone in need of a surrogate mother had to go overseas.

Attorney-General Michael Ben-Yair supports Danny's stand that the new law must be applied to Ruti's case.

# Eitan warns of coming water crisis

**LIAT COLLINS**

ENVIRONMENT and Agriculture Minister Raphael Eitan yesterday warned of a coming crisis due to the lack of rain.

"November is a dry month and we're facing a huge disaster," Eitan said in reviewing Environment Ministry activities to the Knesset Interior and Environment Committee. "If the Kinneret doesn't fill up in time, the water level and quality will go down and it will become salty. The demand for water is increasing and there is no additional water. We can't produce it."

Eitan stressed the need to make maximum use of treated sewage and waste water and even suggested giving farmers recycled water

for free. If they have to pay for it, Eitan said, the farmers could refuse to take it "and Tel Aviv would fill up with sewage."

The minister repeated his stand in favor of incinerating garbage for energy production. He said countries around the world use such energy for heating or for water desalination plants. He said private companies had approached the ministry and offered to invest in such a plant in return for energy and a supply of garbage to operate it for a 20-year period.

The ministry's budget stands at NIS 171 million, 70 percent of which is spent on professional activities and 18 percent on salaries, he said.

He said the National Parks Authority and Nature Reserves Authority would soon be united into one body under the Environment Ministry, which would save money.

# American, Russian mathematicians to share Wolf Prize

AN American and a Russian mathematician will share the 1997 Wolf Prize in Mathematics, the Wolf Foundation announced yesterday.

Joseph B. Keller, 73, professor of mathematics and mechanical engineering at Stanford University, was chosen for his "profound and innovative contributions, in particular to electromagnetic, optical, acoustic wave propagation, and to fluid, solid, quantum and statistical mechanics."

Yakov G. Sinai, 61, a senior researcher at the Landau Institute of Theoretical Physics in Moscow, was honored for his contributions to mathematical methods in statistical mechanics and "the ergodic theory of dynamical systems and their applications in physics."

Since 1993 he has also been professor of mathematics at Princeton University.

"He is generally recognized as the world leader in the mathematics of statistical physics," the



Professor Joseph B. Keller (left) and researcher Yakov G. Sinai, co-winners of the 1997 Wolf Prize.

# Antiquities Authority: Bones from Haifa rescue dig not those of Jews

**DAVID RUDGE**

THE Antiquities Authority stressed yesterday that bones removed from the Castra excavations on the southern outskirts of Haifa are those of Christians buried in the ancient city.

The spokeswoman for the authority said archeologists last Thursday had transferred 87 crates of bones from the site of the ancient Byzantine settlement to the Religious Affairs Ministry for reburial, in accordance with instructions of the attorney-general.

"It must be stressed that all these skeletal remains are those of Christians who were buried in the area. We are certain of this, because of churches and Christian crosses that have been found," said the spokeswoman.

She noted that the rescue excavations, which started in 1993 at the request of the Haifa Municipality and the Netivei Carmel company, were aimed at uncovering as much as possible of the site, which is destined to be destroyed by construction work on the Carmel tunnel project.

The multi-million dollar tunnel is to cut through Mount Carmel and forge a link between the

# NEWS IN BRIEF

- Disabled vets threaten self-immolation**  
Five disabled IDF veterans yesterday poured flammable liquid over themselves and one of the tents they have been living in across from the Prime Minister's Office in Jerusalem, and threatened to set themselves on fire, before being calmed by police.
- Senior tax official remanded in Jerusalem**  
A senior Income Tax Authority official was remanded yesterday for 24 hours in Jerusalem Magistrate's Court, on suspicion he falsified authority documents for family members in order to secure their tax breaks.
- Yassin's wife protests against warders**  
The wife of imprisoned Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin complained yesterday that when she goes to visit her husband the prison warders torment her.
- New English television magazine to air**  
*Eurovision*, a new English television magazine, will be aired on cable television's Community Channel beginning next Monday. The program is filmed and produced by members of the English Speaking Residents Association (ESRA) and will feature short films on subjects of interest to the English-speaking community.
- Coastal village children get hepatitis A shots**  
The Health Ministry will vaccinate all children aged one to six in the coastal village of Jisr Az-Zarka, south of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael, against hepatitis A, which has infected 70 youngsters since September. The ministry said yesterday they would receive the active vaccine, which provides lifetime immunity. It was decided to take this step because of the high rate of morbidity and the difficult hygienic conditions in the village.
- Rabies vaccination program to be expanded**  
The government will expand its rabies vaccination program among wild and domesticated animals in view of the increasing reports of rabies among cattle in the Galilee and Golan Heights and in abandoned pets and wildlife.

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Shares fall as central bank lets rates stand

TEL AVIV STOCK MARKET

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Two-Sided Index Maof Index

SHARES fell amid expectations the Bank of Israel's benchmark interest rate would change little when the central bank announced its monetary policy for December. After Tel Aviv Stock Exchange closed for the day, the central bank said that, as expected, it will not change the rate at which it lends to banks, leaving it at 15.2 percent. Clal Electronics Industries rose after Applied Materials, the world's largest maker of semiconductor-manufacturing equipment, said it would buy a company in which Clal Electronics holds a stake. The stock gained 2% after announcing it expected to receive \$50 million for its 31% stake in Opal Inc., which makes microscope systems. Ormat Industries, a Yavne-based company, also rose after it said it expects a subsidiary to receive \$16.5m. from the sale of its stake in Ormat Instruments to Applied Materials. Ormat makes optical inspection systems. Ormat's shares rose 5.5%. The Maof index of 25 issues fell 0.79% to 206.25 and the Two-sided index of 100 issues fell 0.72% to 196.78. The general bond index fell 0.16%.

Eurobourses gain as London inflation fears dim

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - European bourses traded bullishly yesterday, with Frankfurt and Amsterdam closing floor transactions at record highs. London ended only 19 points short of its intra-day peak on the eve of the British budget. In London leading stocks ended 36 points up as their momentum from Friday's dramatic rise followed through amid subsiding fears of an inflationary budget today and after Wall Street nudged through its previous trading high. The FTSE 100 index ended 35.9 points higher at 4,054.6. In Frankfurt, the 30-share DAX index closed up 35.50 at 2,799.19. The market was boosted by Deutsche Telekom, floated last week in the largest share sale in European history. It was the heaviest-traded stock and ended up 3 percent as initial profit-taking waned. On the Paris bourse, French shares headed higher to put on nearly 1% after a climb on Friday of 0.98%. The CAC-40 share index finished up 21.67 at 2,277.14.

Dow eclipses 6,500 mark

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Blue-chip shares extended November's rally yesterday, boosting the Dow Jones industrial average above 6,500 for the first time, as interest rates fell in bond trading. On Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrial average rose 76.03 points to close at 6,547.79, en route to its 12th record close in the last 14 sessions and bringing the year's gain to about 28 percent. Broader measures also set new highs, led by banks and other financial services issues that would benefit from the improving interest rate environment. The yield on the 30-year Treasury bond touched last week's eight-month low at 6.40 percent before settling at about 6.42%, down from 6.44% late Friday. Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by 11-to-6 on the New York Stock Exchange, with 1,649 up, 904 down and 796 unchanged. The Nasdaq composite rose 6.15 to 1,280.51, and the American Stock Exchange's market value index fell 2.61 to 588.16.

CURRENCY CROSS-RATES

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BARAK

(Continued from Page 1) Barak is demanding to have the convention and primaries at the same time, rather than on two separate and costly occasions. He suspects Ramon, Beilin and the others of scheming to pass a decision at the convention to postpone the leadership showdown indefinitely, and insists the leadership showdown be held no later than June 3, as specified by the party constitution. Sources close to Barak said he would accept the compromise and have the convention before the primaries, if the MKs in the rival camp promise not to try to postpone the leadership showdown there. Sources close to Barak reacted angrily to Ramon and his people's calling Barak overly suspicious. They noted Barak had plenty to be suspicious about, since these people were trying to trick him and cause trouble between him and Peres, and were constantly hinting that Barak wanted to get rid of Peres. The sources attacked Ramon for hinting that Barak's position would lead to a split in the party, noting that "it is strange that Ramon should threaten a split, in view of the disastrous results of his splitting from the party to run in the Histadrut. Today it is clear that Ramon's devastation of the Histadrut cost Labor those 30,000 votes required to win the elections." Sources close to Barak said although he has the support of the majority of the central committee members, many might be embarrassed to vote against Peres openly.

NETZARIM

(Continued from Page 1) The road from the Netzarim junction to the Mediterranean Sea passes within a few meters of the settlement, and has been closed to all but Jewish traffic since a suicide attack killed three soldiers there in November 1994. In a related development, some 60 cars belonging to settlers from Nahliel, Talmon, and Dolev blocked the Beitunia-Mahaneh Ofer road west of Ramallah yesterday to protest what they said is a dramatic increase in rock-throwing incidents on that road, which links the settlements northwest of Ramallah with Jerusalem. Liat Collins and Irim contributed to this report.

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Investment guru thrives in untamed Russian markets

SAO PAULO, Brazil (Reuters) - When veteran investor Mark Mobius looks at the world, he sees emerging tigers, slow-turning battleships, and plenty of risk - and he loves it. "We thrive on unpopularity. If everybody else is buying, there's no opportunity," said Mobius, who circles the globe in search of bargains for the Templeton global funds, under his management with assets of about \$10 billion. Born on Long Island near New York City and now a German citizen based in Hong Kong, the 60-year-old Mobius has gained fame for shrewd stock picks in exotic markets, such as India and Vietnam, which are still shunned by most investors. Mobius, in Sao Paulo this week visiting companies and promoting his book, "The Investor's Guide to Emerging Markets," said in an interview that the world is waking up to the promise of developing markets. "These markets have gotten more liquid and more transparent. Prices are going up, but we will continue to find opportunities," said Mobius, dressed in a yellow suit and cobalt blue shirt and with a shiny bald head. With the collapse of the Soviet Union and a worldwide shift away from closed socialist-style economies, emerging markets are attracting large institutional investors and fund managers combing the globe for higher returns. But the change is not coming overnight. And while the global trend toward free markets is widely seen as irreversible, officials in the developing world are not always thrilled to see investors like Mobius and his team arrive. "A Russian official asked one of my analysts, 'So, is your capitalist destruction of our economy on schedule?' My analyst said, 'Actually, it's ahead of schedule,'" Mobius joked. Still, investors used to trading in US, European, and Japanese markets will find it disconcerting when they venture into Africa, Asia and Latin America where the rules are often murky and regulation thin, he said. "Corporate governance, minority rights, transparency, surveillance and compliance. These will be big shockers," he said. They are not, of course, shockers for Mobius, a 30-year veteran of global investment fund management. Mobius now manages 33 Templeton funds with stock and cash investments in 40 countries, including Hong Kong, Brazil, Argentina and Mexico. When he joined Templeton International in 1987, the firm had investments in just seven countries. Templeton has since become part of the Franklin Templeton Group of Funds, based in San Mateo, Calif., whose 120 mutual funds with more than \$169 billion in assets rank it as the fifth-largest fund company in the United States. While some nations like Taiwan, South Korea and Indonesia, the so-called Asian tigers, have seen swift, dramatic economic change, others, such as Brazil, have made the transition to market-based economies more slowly. "Brazil is like a big battleship," Mobius said. "It's slow in turning around, but that's healthy because once you get it going in the right direction, you know you have a consensus." Mobius, who has lived in Asia for 30 years, embodies the frenetic pace of the Far East's emerging markets. Known for racking up frequent-flyer miles, he is said to rarely sleep in the same country more than two or three days in a row. His schedule changes so frequently that his Brazilian hosts at Sao Paulo's Banco Tcodecoia were not even sure where he was off to next. "He may be going to Argentina, but we're not sure," a Tcodecoia official said.

Cuba woos foreign business

HAVANA (Reuters) - Cuba said yesterday it increasingly appreciated the role of small or medium-sized businesses in its economy, including those involved in foreign investment on the island. Foreign Investment Minister Ibrahim Ferrada told a business seminar Cuba had moved away from a policy of large-scale enterprises toward favoring smaller firms. Some 400 large state-owned firms were turned into 4,000 much smaller farm cooperatives in the last few years, he said. Small to medium-sized state firms in the pharmaceuticals and biotechnology sectors have been efficient in developing vaccines, he added. Ferrada said more than three-quarters of the 260 joint ventures and economic associations with foreign firms in Cuba involved investments no larger than \$5 million. Ferrada spoke at the start of a meeting in Havana sponsored by the European Union and organized with the European Association of Small and Medium-Sized Businesses. Cuba sought technology, capital and access to foreign markets from its joint ventures, the minister said. But he indicated that for the moment at least, Cuba's interest in smaller firms was confined either to the state sector - foreign investment has been in joint ventures with state-owned firms - or to areas where the state continues to exert some control, such as the farm cooperatives. Ferrada later told reporters that there were "hundreds" of such firms in the country, including the cooperatives that are supplied by the state with fixed quotas of produce, which limits their autonomy. "The only private enterprises permitted are small private farms and businesses run by people who are self-employed. This category is strictly regulated to ensure it remains just that - with no employment by individuals of other individuals." Foreign observers of the Cuban economy have said the island should start allowing private firms as a next step in economic reforms.

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# 'Modesty Squad' attacks haredi woman who sheltered friend

### Neighbors, passersby look on as assailant flees scene

A HAREDI woman was recovering in the hospital yesterday after a masked haredi thug entered her home and beat her, apparently because she was sheltering a mother of 12 whose husband initiated divorce proceedings against her.

After the intruder beat her with a rolling pin all over her body on Sunday evening, he fled, but was not stopped by dozens of Geula quarter neighbors and passersby who assembled on her doorstep.

Jerusalem police spokesman Shmuel Ben-Ruby said police had five haredi suspects and would soon apprehend them.

Dalia Batzon, 37, a mother of six, was treated in the emergency room of Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem where she was sent after notifying police on Sunday night.

She said the "modesty squad" in the area threatened last week that they would "kill" her and "make it look like an accident" if she con-

JUDY SIEGEL

tinued to harbor a 46-year-old haredi woman in her apartment. Then, on Sunday, she heard a "soft knock" on her door and opened it, thinking it was one of her daughters returning from a friend's house.

A "very thin man 1.75 or 1.80 meters tall" wearing a stocking cap over his face pushed his way in, hitting her with the rolling pin and pressing it against her neck. She was alone in the house with the other woman, who telephoned the police twice saying "a murder is going on."

Batzon, who suffered bruises all over her body, said the attacker "lay on top of me and hit me, and then I sat on top of him. These people say touching a woman is forbidden, but for this brute, lying on top of me was kosher. I could feel his *payot* (sidecurls) under the stocking cap but could not pull it off to see

his face. Then, when he saw he couldn't finish me off, he ran away. The neighbors, afraid of the modesty squad, just parted to let him go through."

The victim said the woman she has sheltered for four months was her former partner in a textile import business. Batzon's husband, a scribe in Mea She'arim, supported her charitable act, giving the woman one of their three rooms and free board.

The textile business closed when the older woman's husband of 25 years filed for a divorce, "even though it was he who had committed adultery. He was supposedly a yeshiva student, and from a well-known family, but he stayed at home all day, and last Tisha Be'av, he beat her."

Batzon noted that a planned shelter for battered haredi women has not opened yet, thus she had no alternative but to help her friend.



Mother of six Dalia Batzon recovers from an attack, apparently by the 'modesty squad' over sheltering a woman, at Hadassah-University Hospital in Ein Kerem. (Issac Hanes)

Ben-Ruby did not confirm that the attacker was from the reputed "modesty squads" operating in the

haredi community, but said complaints by the haredi community against its own are rare.

# 20,000 complaints of domestic violence filed in '95

SOME 20,000 domestic violence complaints were filed last year, 15,500 of them by women. This year there has been an increase in the number of complaints filed by men, but a drop in those filed by women, according to Supt. Sando Mazon, head of the police investigations branch.

According to statistics, each year about a dozen women are murdered by their spouses. Mazon said he would commission a study of such cases to see if abuse complaints had been filed beforehand, and whether these were properly handled.

Mazon, who was addressing a WIZO-organized study day in Tel Aviv yesterday to mark International Prevent Domestic Violence Day, said many women do not file complaints about such abuse, while 17 percent of complaints are mutual.

Mazon said the attitude among police toward domestic violence had changed since 1990 from a more forgiving one, to one more intent on enforcing the law.

The question of whether or not there should be a minimum sentence for domestic violence was raised at the gathering. State Attorney Edna Arbel said that, while such a thing runs counter to the Israeli judicial system, she would support legislation to set minimum sentences for sex crimes and domestic violence, which would still leave the judge latitude. (Tim)

**WEATHER**

Forecast: Night rain, lower temperatures

**AROUND THE WORLD**

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Copenhagen	-01	04	SE	cloudy
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Lisbon	13	17	SE	clear
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Los Angeles	07	17	SE	clear
Madrid	06	14	SE	cloudy

**Winning cards**  
IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards were the 8 of spades, the 10 of hearts, the king of diamonds and the queen of clubs.

# Sanctions effective against men who refuse to divorce wives

EVELYN GORDON

A NEW law enabling rabbinical courts to impose sanctions on men who refuse to divorce their wives has proven effective when used, but many rabbinical courts make little use of it, the Knesset Law Committee was told yesterday.

The law, passed about a year-and-a-half ago, enables the rabbinical courts to impose a variety of sanctions, including confiscating the recalcitrant husband's passport or driver's license, denying him the right to practice certain professions, shutting down his bank account or even putting him in prison.

Rabbi Eli Ben-Dahan, director of the rabbinical courts, told the committee that one or more of these sanctions has been applied 50 times over the past year-and-a-half. In 18 of these 50 cases, the man has since agreed to grant his wife a divorce. This represents a success rate of some 36%, which is by itself an improvement with respect to hard-core cases, he said. However, he added, in many

other cases the courts have found that the mere threat of imposing sanctions is sufficient.

Committee members, however, were disturbed by the fact that only a few rabbinical courts made much use of the law. Of the 50 cases in which sanctions were imposed, 18 were heard by one panel in Haifa, and 10 by the special rabbinical court in Jerusalem. Only in 12 of the 50 cases did any other court make use of these sanctions, and many courts - including the regular rabbinical court in Jerusalem, the Beersheba court and six of the seven panels on the Tel Aviv court - made no use of these sanctions at all.

Ben-Dahan said he believed this was partly because many rabbinical judges are still not comfortable with the new law, and partly because many lawyers and rabbinical pleaders are not aware that they can now request the imposition of sanctions. He said he did not know what percentage of requests for sanctions were granted.

# Officers: Reserve dodgers could affect war readiness

LIAT COLLINS

MEMBERS of the Forum of Reserve Battalion Commanders presented the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee yesterday with statistics on motivation and evasion of service of reserve soldiers, claiming the problem is so bad that in the event of war the effect could be felt in the field.

Lt-Col. (res.) Arich Neiger, battalion commander of a paratrooper unit, said "tens of thousands of soldiers a year get out of reserve duty on some pretext or another. Only 10 percent of healthy men who are fit for service do reserve duty, so the burden falls on a minority."

According to the figures presented, of the hundreds of thousands of soldiers fit for reserve duty, 8.6 percent are fit for combat units but only 76 percent of them are called for service and a quarter of those have some form of exemption.

MK Ori Orr (Labor) said if all the men who could serve in the army were inducted, and if all did full service of at least 30 months, there would be no need for reserve duty other than for training practice. He specifically mentioned haredim, hesder units and Nahal soldiers. This statement got a mixed review from the MKs.

The forum officers said soldiers who do reserve duty are made to feel like suckers, instead of feeling honored. They said a growing number of employers preferred not to give work to those people likely to be called up for long peri-

ods of combat reserve duty: some illegally fired reserve soldiers while they are on active duty; and some academic institutes including the Technion are causing students to fail a year if they are unable to take exams because of reserve duty.

The forum presented several suggestions, including financial benefits for service and preventing discrimination in academic institutions against reservists who miss exams.

The MKs agreed with the forum's suggestions and are considering setting up a subcommittee to investigate legislation and other methods of dealing with the problem.

One representative of the forum mooted an experiment in which reservist drivers who asked for an exemption because they could not work behind the wheel had their drivers' licenses rescinded for a certain period. The IDF found the number of drivers requesting exemptions dropped drastically. The officers suggested similar ideas in other fields.

A brigadier general from the IDF Manpower Branch said the issue had been raised in the army more than two years ago. He agreed with the general picture presented and with the idea of financial compensation for service. He said although the numbers of military service evaders had increased recently, it had been greater during the intifada.

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